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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We've been Sonic.net telephone and internet customers for many years because their customer service is far superior to and lower is cost than that of any of the big companies, like AT&T. Many of our neighbors here in Oakland, California are in the same boat.

We understand that US Telecomm has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. This will have a large impact on us and many others who rely on the services of the independent providers. Please do not grant this petition.

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